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SUBJ: U.S. TUNA FLEET - SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

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1. SUMMARY: IN CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR, GSTP PRIMIN TROVOADA EXPLAINED HIS GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS U.S. TUNA FLEET'S OPERATIONS AND INDICATED DOOR OPEN TO U.S. COMPANIES WHO WANT TO DISCUSS FISHING WITH GSTP. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING MEETING NOV. 5 WITH PRIMIN TROVOADA (OTHER ISSUES REPORTED SEPTELS), AMBASSADOR RAISED QUESTION OF U.S. TUNA FLEET'S OPERATIONS IN STP WATERS. TROVOADA ACKNOWLEDGED
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RECEIPT OF EMBASSY'S NOTE (REFTEL B) AND EXPLAINED GSTP

CONCERN ABOUT U.S. TUNA BOATS AND FISH-SPOTTING AIRPLANES OPERATIONS AS LOGICAL ATTITUDE SINCE HIS COUNTRY HAS NO FACILITIES TO PATROL WATERS AND EFFECTIVELY CONTROL AIR SPACE. THEREFORE, GSTP NEEDS CAREFUL COOPERATION OF FOREIGN VESSELS AND PLANES.

3. IN REPLY TO QUESTION RAISED IN NOTE, TROVOADA SAID MIN. OF ECONOMIC COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WOULD HANDLE FISHING MATTERS AND WOULD BE READY TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. TUNA COMPANIES. PRIMIN ADDED THAT GSTP NOW STUDYING PROPOSALS FROM PORTUGUESE FISHING INTERESTS AND FROM OTHER "NORDIC" COUNTRIES. IN MEANTIME, TROVOADA SAID, "THERE SHOULD BE ENOUGH FISH FOR EVERYBODY."

4. FOR ABIDJAN: PLEASE PASS TO FISH-SPOTTER PILOT SAMS, NOW BELIEVED IN ABIDJAN, FOLLOWING: ALTHOUGH BLANKET OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING AUTHORIZATION MAY BE GRANTED, STILL NECESSARY TO GIVE PRIOR NOTICE OF FLIGHT PLAN TO STP CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW PROPER PERSONNEL TO BE ON DUTY.

5. COMMENT: TROVOADA DID NOT APPEAR OVERLY CONCERNED WITH U.S. TUNA FLEET OPERATIONS, BUT COMMENTS ABOUT OTHER COUNTRIES' PROPOSALS INDICATE THAT U.S. FISHING INTERESTS WILL HAVE TO MOVE FAST OR MAY BE FROZEN OUT OF AREA. STEIGMAN

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